

From the Southern Times.
How Widder Westbrook Took the Sheriff.

Some years since, professional business threw me into the company, but long day's ride thro' a heavy pine-wood country in an Eastern county, with Mr. Stubbs, the Sheriff. By the middle of the afternoon we had exhausted, as subjects of conversation, the particular attachment case which brought us together, the political condition of the country, the prospect of the growing crop, and several matters of personal history. In fact, we had run out—*to use a trite but expressive metaphor*—when suddenly Mr. Stubbs' eye flashed, and a strange smile fluttered across his lip as he remarked—

"I haven't told you, Squire, I believe, how I got ruined servin' the first process, (the Sheriff was not a learned man, and occasionally did misplace the account,) that ever came into my hands."

"No, let's have it," I replied, turning half round in the saddle; "it cost you some money, did it—*our mistake?*"

"Ah!" he ejaculated with a sigh, it cost a heap—a heap!"

This was said with the air of so much suffering that I told him, if it awakened painful emotions, in me, not think of opening the old wound merely for my entertainment.

"It's all over now," he said, and I don't mind telling it." I don't know how it was but just at this moment, I caught sight of a shabby old hat of capo around his hat, and I could not help associating it with the sigh, the inglorious expression, and the sarcasm of the first process. Arent that, we shall die over something presently.

Mr. Stubbs proceeded.

"I was elected the first Sheriff of the county, and at that time there weren't more'n three or four hundred voters in it. To be sure I was proud—it was such an honor like."

"This is your second term then?"

"Yes, I had to use some term of service on account of the law; but then I was deputy (deputy) under Stokes, and when his time run out, last August, I was two years ago I was elected again. But that ain't tellin' how I got ruined again. But that's all I can tell you about it."

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"Why, takin' of Mrs. Westbrook—it's all wrong, and she's sent word down to the very lawyer that put out the writ against her, and's got two against you; one to make you turn her loose, and other to make you pay twenty thousand dollars for takin' her!"

"I shant serve 'em," says I.

"Makes no odds. They've done appointed a kurrier (courier), and he'll be up to-morrow, soon as Miss Westbrook has had a chance to swear somethin'—You'll better look out!"

"Well," says I, "I reckon they've got you too. You was along, and helped to do it."

"Oh, yes," says he, "but they've got me for a witness."

I said no more, but walked right into the house, and ther I found the widder lookin' mighty pleased and I told her she was free to go, and I asked her pardon and should charge her any board, and I hoped sh'd come and see my old woman and so on, and so forth.

"She went, I suppose."

"She did and the kurrier come, and he showed me how to serve a writ by copy I shall never forget it. She took me to Court and there warn't nothin' done with it the first time. Before the next court, my old woman died, and that *upset* everything. What with her dyin' and the suit, I thought I would go *crazy*, to be sure."

"But you di'nt?"

"No, I bore it as well as I could, and just before Court came along the lawyer—*denkin'*—and says he to me, 'I think you and my client, Miss Westbrook, could compromise this case, if you was to talk together about it.' I hardly waited for him to leave, before I jumped on my horse and rode up to the widder's. Widder says *I kin we settle that case?*"

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